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Della Stenstrom, Sacajawea Chapter, DAR, presenting "The Wellman-Tice Family Narrative" Union Pioneer Calvary Cemetery. Tumwater, WA.

The Wellman - Tice Family 1822 - 1955

Albert Wellman was born in Maine in 1822. In Monroe County, Illinois in April 1851 he married Elizabeth Rice Reynolds, a 27-year- old widow with a 1-year-old son named George. In 1862 Albert and Elizabeth "crossed the plains" to the Olympia area with Elizabeth's son George Reynolds, their son Gilbert age 9, daughters Sarah age 6, and Addie age 3. In 1870 Albert was farming. He valued his real estate at $2,000. By then they had 2 more children; Albert in 1867 and Amanda in 1869. On January 8, 1871, their son Gilbert died.

On December 29, 1873, 17-year-old Sarah Wellman married Newton Tice, age 29. Newton Tice was born in 1843 in Illinois. At age 16, he is listed on the 1860 census as farming with his father. He then served in the Union Army, 12th Infantry, during the Civil War. After the war he came to Tumwater where he operated the Cottage Hotel and also farmed nearby. By 1879, he with Sarah and 2-year-old daughter Lottie had moved to Dayton (which is near Walla Walla). Newton was a stage coach driver. Their son Freddie was born in 1879 and died when he was 11 months old. Son William Clyde was born in 1883 and daughter Mabel in 1885. By 1887, the family was back to farming here in the Olympia area. Their son Albert was born in 1889.

Albert Wellman died in 1889; he had suffered from asthma for many years. In 1890, 7-year-old William Clyde Tice died. Late in 1890, Newton tried to stop a stagecoach robbery and was shot. He died February 25, 1891. Sarah was left with 3 young children. She never remarried.

In 1899, Elizabeth Wellman died after being sick for a week with a strange disease called St. Anthony's Fire. Her obituary states, "She was a woman of motherly instincts and exceedingly kind disposition." She was living with Sarah, her only surviving child.

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The 1909, Olympia City Directory lists Sarah as a dressmaker, daughter Mabel is working as a clerk at Harris Dry Goods Company and Albert is a photographer. Daughter Lottie has married.

In 1910 Washington State women get to vote!! I hope Sarah and all her female relatives voted.

The 1920 census lists Sarah living with Albert in Portland, Oregon. In 1930 she is living with Albert and his wife Evie in Scappoose, Oregon.

Sarah died November 29, 1935 in Salem, Oregon. Her remains were returned to Olympia and she is buried at the Odd Fellows Memorial Park. Albert died in Columbia County, Oregon in 1955.

Details:

Buried at Union Pioneer Calvary Cemetery:
Newton Tice d. 1891 Age 47 William Clyde Tice d. 1890 Age 7.

Laura Wellman d. 1863 Age 1.
J. Gilbert Wellman d. 1871, Age 18. Albert JosephWellman d. 1897, Age 30. Ada Ann Wellman d. 1878 , Age17.

Albert Wellman d. 1889, Age 66. Elizabeth Rice Wellman d. 1899, Age 74.

Irean Reynolds d. 1926, Age 81 (wife of George, below).

Buried at Odd Fellows MemorialPark
George A. Reynolds 1850-1929

Sarah Wellman Tice 1856-1935. Lottie Dora Tice Grim 1876-1949. Mabel Tice Gorham 1885-1923.

Note: No doubt other family members are buried in these cemeteries, but these are the ones I happened to find.

Freddie Tice 1879-1880 is buried at Mountain View cemetery in Walla Walla.

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The marriage register page for Newton Tice and Sarah Wellman includes this notation: "This is to certify that we give our consent to the marriage of our daughter Sarah Wellman and Newton Tice."

Albert Wellman Elizabeth Wellman
December 29,1873

Sarah was only 17 and apparently needed parental consent to marry.

Narrative written by Della Stenstrom.